

Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement I'm pleased to announce that this Petertide we will be welcoming a new, full-time Curate, Jack Williams and his family, as they come to live and serve in our community of Denmead. (A Curate is, in effect, a trainee Vicar.)

Jack is married to Charley, and they have a young son Caleb, and a dog Echo! They will be moving to the village in late June and will be living in a lovely new home on the Carpenter's Field development.

Jack will be ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 4th July at a special Ordination Service at Portsmouth Cathedral by Bishop Christopher. This is an important and significant event, and everyone is very welcome to attend this service showing our support to Jack. Details are yet to follow, and we shall keep you informed. This will be the start of Jack's ministry in the Church of England, and for the next three years (or thereabouts) Jack will be based at All Saints working in the church and across our community alongside myself and the wider team. During his time with us Jack will be gaining experience and growing, learning all the different aspects that make up Parish ministry.

Jack's first Sunday will be the 5th July 2020 and he will be present at both our morning and evening services. To welcome Jack, Charley and Caleb we will host a bring and share picnic at 12 noon in our church hall and gardens. Please do come along and say hello to Jack and meet his family.

Please do be praying for him, Charley and Caleb as they finish their time in Bristol, and then get ready to move to Denmead. Pray that they will know God's grace and guidance in all things.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Emma



Hello...I'm Jack, these are just a quick few words of introduction. I'm excited to be coming to All Saints, Denmead, this July, to start as your Curate. Coming with me is my wife Charley, our son Caleb, and our dog Echo. As a family, we are looking forward to getting involved in church and community life, getting to know you all and building new relationships.

We have been living in Bristol since September 2018, whilst I've been studying theology at Trinity College. This has been a fun and educational experience for us, but we're now looking forward to immersing ourselves into the life and community of Denmead. Before moving to Bristol, I worked as a Police Officer within



Hampshire and worshipped at St Wilfrid's in Cowplains – this means we know the area a little – and are eager to discover more. As a family we like to get away and go camping whenever we can. I love being outdoors and enjoy walking our dog Echo. I also have been trying my hand at a bit of woodworking recently in my free time.

The next few weeks and months ahead will be busy for me as I complete my studies and for my family as we get ready to transition. Please be praying for us, that changes will be smooth and easy, and that we'll soon be settled with you in Denmead ready for a new adventure.

Looking forward to meeting you soon,
with every blessing,

Jack

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 1st March - 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 8th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Praise
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 15th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.00pm Informal Worship

Saturday 21st March

3.30-5.30pm Messy Church

Sunday 22nd March – 4th Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All Age Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 29th March – 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.00pm Taizé Service

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8.30am – everyone is most welcome.



The church is open during daylight hours, for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle, there is a candle stand in the chapel.

Easter Lilies For All Saints

As we approach Easter, if anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies in memory of loved-ones please contact the Church Office, 023 9226 8757



Next Messy Church dates: Saturday 21st March

For all families with pre-school/primary aged children. The whole family is welcome to Messy Church – grandparents and carers included.

Join us for this fun-filled afternoon of craft, games, singing, Bible story, prayers and sharing a buffet meal together. We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Further information can be found at www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft on 023 9226 2647, or from Lewis Jones youth@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk



From the Registers

Funerals

Monday 17th February

Miss Ruth Smith

World Day of Prayer 2020

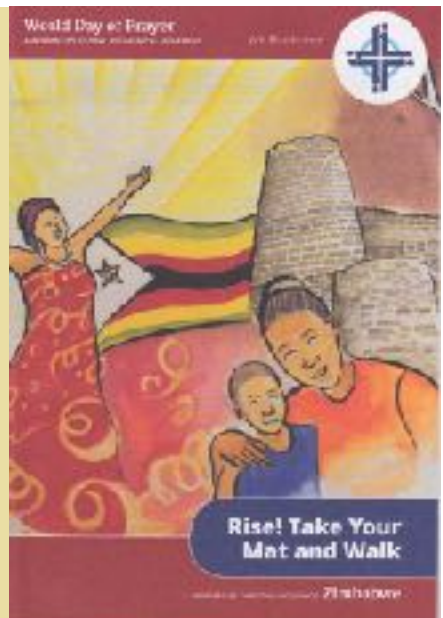
World Day of Prayer is the largest ecumenical movement in the world. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and focuses on reconciliation, peace and love.

Please join us for our local service:

Friday March 6th, at 2pm

Christchurch, Portsdown

Followed by refreshments



The Big Poppy Knit 2020

All Saints, Denmead

This year the PCC at All Saints has decided to create a new, cascading poppy display ready for commemorations on Remembrance Sunday (Nov 2020). Our hope is it will be suspended down the front of our porch and be visible to all who pass on the main road. It will be similar in style to the knitted display that was part of the village green last year.

The PCC are envisaging something like this:

To make the display work we need lots and lots of home-made poppies (either knitted or crocheted).

Please can you help?!

Please find, on page 8 & 9, two different poppy patterns – two to knit, and two to crochet. Or of course you can use your own pattern, as long as the finished poppy is approximately 8-12 cm in



diameter. If you need another or larger print copy please contact the Church Office.

When your poppies are ready please drop them into the Church Office at All Saints or leave in the 'Vicar' pigeonhole in church. Ideally, we need them by the end of September ready for construction...

Many thanks,

Revd Emma and the PCC at All Saints.



Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence. – Augustine

Knitted Poppies

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9).

If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size.

If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns - and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on youtube.

1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners

Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)

Colour B Scrap

of Black or a black button

Body of Poppy

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)

Rows 6-9 Knit

Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 Knit

Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

2. Easy ribbed poppy pattern

Colour A 1 ball red yarn (this will make a lot of poppies)

Colour B Scrap of black yarn or black button

Body of Poppy

Using Col A Cast on 60 stitches

Row 1 - 10 : K2, P2 across whole row (for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).

Row 11 : Knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches).

Row 12 : Slip 1 stitch, Knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over.. repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Join edges with mattress stitch

Centre of Poppy

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.



These are examples of the two knitted poppies: on the left is the first pattern, on the right the second pattern.

Crocheted Poppies

You will need some red wool and a black button.

1. Three petal crochet poppy with 4.5mm hook

Ch 3, join with slst to form circle.

Ch 3, work 9 dc into the centre of the circle and join with slst.

Work the three petals separately.

Petal 1. Ch 3, work 1st dc into same st, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts.

ch 1 work 2 sc into each st, tie off.

Petal 2. work 2 dc into last dc of previous petal, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts.

ch 1 work 2 sc into each st, tie off.

Work petal 3 as 2.

Sew all ends in and attach button in the centre.

2. Two petal crochet poppy

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and wool, ch2.

Make 10dc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a slst in 1st dc. (10sts)

Rnd 2: *ch1 dc ch1 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr ch1 dc in next st, slst in next 2sts. Rep from * once again.

Rnd 3: *ch1 3dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 5sts, 3dc in next 2 sts, slst in next 2sts. rep from * once again. Fasten off.

Attach button in the centre.

Stitch Explanation :

st(s) = stitch (es) ch = chain

rep=repeat

dc = double crochet

rnd=round

htr = half treble crochet

slst = slip stitch r = row

tr = treble crochet

Coffee and Chat has gone from strength to strength, and now numbers over 20 people on Tuesday and Thursday mornings; there is coffee, tea and biscuits and sometimes scrummy cakes! There is of course loads of chat and laughter. It is a real Denmead Face to Facebook, but with no fake news!

The age group is varied and there are always good tips, ideas and information going back and forth, as well as reminiscing and photos from the past to jog one's memory. Why not come along and join in - 9.30 to 11.30 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sylvia and John Morphett



DENMEAD EVENING WI
SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 10am – 12 noon

Interesting stalls including Cakes, Raffles, Bric-a-Brac, Books,
Tombola, and Refreshments

Should you wish to book a stall please contact :

Gill Lancashire on 02392 261234 or Carole Billinge on 9235-1521

Denmead Support Group

**The Stoney Ridge Band
will play at the**

Sunday Lunch

15th March 1.15pm

at Denmead Community Centre

Three course lunch – roast or vegetarian option
with a glass of wine or fruit juice, and wonderful desserts.

Tickets £15, children half price

from Trish, 07947 611699 or patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

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Spring Sale and Coffee Morning

Hats, Handbags and Accessories

Craft Tables. Green Box Opening

All Saints Church Hall, April 18th 10.00 am

Dementia Support in Our Community

To enable people with dementia to live well they need to feel safe and valued by their friends, family and the wider community.

It was this feedback from carers and people living with dementia that prompted us to establish **Kim's Café in All Saints Church Hall.**

It is a place where people can come and be themselves, enjoying peer support over tea, coffee and homemade cakes. We host speakers and a variety of activities every month, and as well as making it fun and friendly we offer advice and support.

The Denmead Practice support the event and we have a nurse on hand as well as a dementia advisor and carer support provided by Andover Mind along with help from our local care homes.

**All are welcome to join us
on the second Wednesday of every month 11:00 - 12:30**

A new memory café is due to open next year on the first Monday of every month at Waterlooville Community Centre 11:00- 12:30 and will be supported by The Vine Medical Group.

We host two cinema events:

Wellington Vale shows on the third Wednesday of each month at 11am. 023 9224 0486

Pear Tree Court shows on the first Wednesday of each month at 11am. 023 9387 9820

Please phone to book a place and enjoy a film, lunch and a chat. There is no charge, however a voluntary contribution towards a local charity is appreciated.

Waterlooville Library have amazing resources. Pop in on the Third Thursday of every month between 11am and 1pm to learn more about this, stay for the art group hosted by Creative Mojo or get some advice from the dementia advisor

For more information contact Kim and David Badcock on 07739461667

Denmead Twinning Association

The Annual Quiz

Our next social event will be a quiz evening with fish and chip supper – to help the brain cells remember all those answers that you really do know.

Do come and join us for a fun evening; here are the details:

- Saturday 28 March at All Saints Church Hall with doors open at 6.30 pm for 6.45 pm start
- Cost of the quiz including fish and chips is £10 for members and £11 for non-members. Bring Your Own (BYO) drinks and glasses
- Teams of 6; we'll fit you into a team, if necessary.



The current winners to beat

Tickets available now from John Byrne 023 9225 3621 or byrne.jv@gmail.com

A special few days in May – you could be there too

This year it is our turn to host the French from our twinned village of Saint Georges Les Baillargeaux (near Poitiers) – have you noticed the name on the Denmead signs when you come into the village? The French will come here on Thursday 21 May and leave on Sunday 24 May. The twinning is an informal, fun few days which has led to many firm friendships and French exchanges over the years.

Importantly, speaking good (or any) French is NOT a requirement. The format is that an English family is matched up with a French family who then stay with you for the weekend. Next year we all go to Saint Georges and stay with them.

There are various activities during their time here with a wonderful meal and music for everyone on the Friday night. The French are keen to speak English



and all that is required is a willingness to give speaking French 'a go' and dredge up a bit of school French. Do come and try it out this year.

The French side have a number of new families with children of 12 to 17 years who are keen to stay with an English family this year. We would therefore do our best to match up ages of children with the host family.



Last year in France with our twins

It really is fun to meet others from our village and our twins from France; do come and join twinning.

If you have any questions or would like more information contact Patrick Binks 9226 2912 or binkspm@aol.com.

Denmead Spring Clean

This year's litter pick organised by Denmead in Bloom takes place on Sunday 29th March from 10am to 1pm. Come to Kidmore Lane car park to register, collect your bags and litter pickers and choose which area you would like to spruce up. If you have a hi-viz jacket please wear that and bring your own gloves. It's more fun to set off in pairs or a small group so bring your family and friends to join in and help tidy our verges and greenways ready for the Easter holiday.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642,
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Last year's haul - can we do better this year?

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

In February we welcomed John Pitman again, this time to talk about Shopping in the High Street in the 1940s and 1950s. On leaving school John worked in the Mens Outfitters Department of the Winchester Co-operative Society. His amusing talk described visits to various sections of the the Co-op including the Pickle Factory and Christmas Pudding Factory. John's inter-active talk took many of us back to our younger days with members sharing their memories and experiences. The competition for an item from the 1950s was won by Angela MacNee with Joan Downing second. Diane Pye won the flower competition and Rosemary Simpson was second.

We will be taking part, once again, in the County Darts Tournament in the Spring. This enables us to meet members from other parts of the area and exchange news and views. This month some members will be attending the twice yearly County Meeting at Portsmouth Guildhall when the guest speaker will be Ben Fogle. This meeting is during Ben's speaking tour of Britain.

Our future plans include a visit to West Dean Gardens and taking part in the County Quiz and Skittles Tournament. We

continue our monthly lunch dates and this month are visiting The Harvest Home on Tuesday 24th.

This month we will be meeting on Wednesday 4th March when we will welcome Beth Thomas to talk about Organ Donation (Donors and Recipients). The competition is for a Poem.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road. We have monthly talks and demonstrations, with a relevant competition, on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all tastes and interests.

We meet informally for lunch once a month and also take part in the county darts, skittles, and quiz and attend the Group Meetings when we socialise with members from the other five institutes in our Group. Members attend the twice yearly County meeting which includes a well known guest speaker.

If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday (except December when they meet on the second Wednesday.)

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

Denmead Village Association

At the January meeting, in welcoming everyone the Chairman reminded the members that the Association needs a new Chairman, as he was stepping down, and from September a new Secretary. He then introduced the speaker, Steve Foster.

In April 1940 Steve's father Fred joined up and very shortly afterwards was captured and sent to Stalag XXA in Poland. One of the other prisoners was

Anthony Coulthard, who suggested to Fred that they try to escape. Anthony spoke excellent German and over a period of 18 months they forged the necessary documents and Anthony taught Fred to speak German. In May 1942, they broke out of the camp and set about their plan to cross Poland and Germany to reach Switzerland. After several train journeys, during which they regularly had their papers checked, they reached the Swiss border. Anthony was permitted to cross the border but came back when he



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realised that the border guards were not satisfied with Fred's papers. They were arrested and their true identities ascertained, whereupon they were returned to Stalag XXA.

Fred was transferred to another camp and finally repatriated in 1945; Anthony made eight more escape attempts and in 1945 was force marched westwards for three months, with little food and insufficient clothing. On that march he died as a result of his ill treatment and two of his comrades buried him locally although the Commonwealth War Graves Commission had no record of his burial place.

Fred never talked about his wartime experiences but, following his father's death, Steve found papers, letters and photographs in an old suitcase, which provided the basis of the story he knew nothing of. It included letters between Fred and Anthony's family. Steve determined to find the grave of Anthony Coulthard, recognising that he had sacrificed his freedom (He had, after all, reached Switzerland and was a free man.) to help Steve's father, who

survived the war. After visiting many villages and speaking to people in those villages who had been there at the end of the war, Steve identified where he believed Anthony had been buried. However, the body had been exhumed and re-buried in Becklingen War Cemetery. The headstone over the grave which Steve believed was Anthony's stated "An Unknown Soldier". Steve set about collecting the evidence which he would need to convince the War Graves Commission that it was indeed the grave of Anthony Coulthard. This he achieved, and the headstone was re-dedicated.

This was a most moving story, told by the son of a soldier who had survived the war only because of the selflessness of his friend and colleague.

Why not join us? Our next meeting, in the church hall at 7.30pm on 20th March, will host the popular speaker Andrew Negus, who will describe the History of Winchester 1500 to 1850. Membership is £5 per year and guests may attend for £3. For further details, please contact the Secretary on 02392 252063.

Do what you can with what you have where you are. - *Theodore D Roosevelt*

Denmead Horticultural Society

[.denmeadhorticiculturalsociety.btck.co.uk](http://denmeadhorticiculturalsociety.btck.co.uk)

Our first talk of the year in February was on the Havant Thicket Reservoir. Tracey Viney from Portsmouth Water started by explaining that Southern Water were considering a desalination plant to avoid taking more water from the River Itchen. Portsmouth Water has a plentiful supply from the Bedhampton springs, much of which flows out to sea so will build the reservoir to store the surplus on a site they identified in 1964 next to Staunton Country Park. This will be paid for by Southern Water and will be the first chalk water reservoir in the country and at 1 x ½ mile one of the smallest.

Tracey showed us the site on a series of historic maps. No houses or farms will be lost and a plant survey showed the grassland to be of limited value. The thick underlying clay will be used to line the reservoir. Ecological surveys of badgers, bats, birds, dormice and invertebrates were undertaken. Four species of invertebrates and thirteen species of bats including the rare Bechsteins bat were identified. Although some trees will be lost from areas such as the Avenue and Middle Clearing many more are being planted, 3000 so far and oak seedlings from the Avenue have been potted up for a local school to look after until they can be replanted. A new wetland will be

created on the northern shore with small islands, sedges and reeds to provide a habitat for water birds and the sloping banks will be seeded with wild flowers.

**so much
more
than
just a
reservoir**

As Tracey explained the site will be so much more than just a reservoir and the interest created by the talk shows that it will become a popular attraction.

Our next talk on 3rd March is 'Growing Potatoes' by Chris Bird, lecturer in Horticulture at Sparsholt College. Chris is a potato expert and will cover their history, varieties to grow, pests and diseases and modern methods of growing, 7.30pm in the Church Hall, visitors welcome, £2.

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 4th April in All Saints Church Hall, open from 1pm. If you would like to enter pick up a schedule from Parkers Hardware or download one from our website. Come to see the exhibits of spring flowers, vegetables, handicrafts, baking, photography and floral art.

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WINTER WALK 7

The Red Lion, Southwick

**Saturday 28th March 2020 –
10.00am**

This is a walk from the Red Lion in Southwick that takes us initially west through part of the vast Southwick estate toward Fareham through Lodge Farm, past the former Boarhunt Mill and then along the Allan King footpath to the local church at Boarhunt. There follows a rather steep climb up to the Nelson monument after which we return to Southwick by an elevated route from which, if the weather is good, we will be able to enjoy wonderful views toward Southwick House and the South Downs.



St Nicholas church, Boarhunt

WALK DETAILS *Distance: 7.7Km (4.8 miles), Duration: 2h 15m, Grade of walk: MODERATE Number of stiles: 7 Conditions: Be prepared for wet, muddy conditions and a strenuous uphill stretch up to the Nelson monument.*

This series of monthly winter walks have proved popular with not only regular members of the Denmead Walking Group but also a number of people who have recently joined us for yomps from various pubs in this area of Hampshire. The next one from Southwick will be challenging in places as we will be going along footpaths in potentially wet areas near Boarhunt Mill as well as undertaking the steep climb up Monument Lane to the top of Portsdown Hill.

We will be going at our usual steady pace so please do not be put off, however you do need to be able to negotiate a number of stiles on this walk. Parking is available at the Red Lion and those wishing to join us afterwards for lunch will be able to pre-order from the menu that we will have available.

As always please do not hesitate to email me at martinlewis20@hotmail.com if you have any queries about this walk, or are simply interested in giving us a try – you can be assured of a warm welcome!

Martin Lewis